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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

GUY TODD WILLIAMS,

No. C 05-3155 JL

Plaintiff,

REFERRAL

v.

SUGAR HILL MUSIC PUBLISHING,

Defendants.

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Plaintiffs in this case seek to enforce the terms of a settlement in a previous case, C-00-2249 CRB, *Williams, et al. v. Smith, et al.* The earlier-filed case was dismissed by the district court (Hon. Charles R. Breyer) after the parties settled. Defendants in this case filed a motion to dismiss Plaintiffs' complaint for lack of jurisdiction. Defendants contend that this Court lacks jurisdiction over the enforcement action for a number of reasons, one of them being that the court in the earlier-filed case in its dismissal order did not retain jurisdiction to enforce the settlement.

Whenever a Judge believes that a case pending before him or her is related to another case, the Judge may refer the case to the Judge assigned to the earliest-filed case

1 with a request that he or she consider whether the cases are related. The referring Judge
2 shall file and send a copy of the referral to all parties in all affected cases. The parties must
3 file any response in opposition to or support of relating the cases pursuant to Civil L.R. 3-
4 12(d).
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6 Accordingly, this Court hereby refers this case to Judge Breyer for the purpose of
7 determining the relationship between this case and the earlier-filed case.

8 IT IS SO ORDERED.

9 DATED: January 17, 2006
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12 James Larson
13 Chief United States Magistrate Judge
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